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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office action mailed on April 23, 2002, in the above-identified patent application. A petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office action, along with the required fee, is submitted herewith. For the reasons discussed below, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made in the Office action.

Amendments

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

✓ Please cancel claims 2, 4-7, 9, 11, 38, 39, and 48-49 without prejudice. Please amend claims 45, 50 and 62 as follows: